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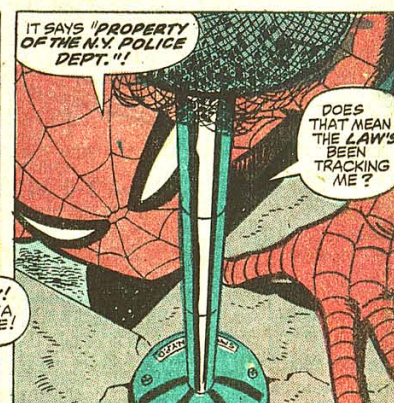
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**I'M IN A LITTLE JAM, DOC—I CAN USE A PLACE TO WORK FOR A WHILE.**

**YOU'VE GOT IT, SPIDEY!**

**JUST MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.**

**I'LL NEED EQUIPMENT! I KNOW! DOC CONNORS' LAB!**

**I-- REALLY APPRECIATE THIS, DOC!**

**KNOCK IT OFF, MISTER! AFTER ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME--!**

**I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE NOW! IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT, JUST HOLLER.**

**I GUESS MY CAREER HASN'T BEEN A TOTAL WASTE.**

**NOT WHEN I CAN CALL A GENT LIKE THAT MY FRIEND.**

**I KNEW THAT IF ANYBODY HAD THE MATERIAL I NEED, DOC CONNORS WOULD!**

**I'VE GOTTA BE CAREFUL-- MIX IT JUST RIGHT.**

**NOW, JUST A LITTLE GREASE ON MY FACE--**

**\*LIKE WE'VE SHOWN YOU OVER THE YEARS! TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT, OKAY? -- STAN.**





EASY-- EASY--  
HAVE TO MAKE A  
SOLID MOLD.



NOW-- JUST A FEW  
MINUTES AND IT'LL  
BE READY.



IT'LL BE PERFECT ONCE  
I ADD SOME BLACK  
PAINT FOR THE EYE-  
BROWS AND HAIR.



THANKS,  
DOC! YOU  
WERE A LIFE-  
SAVER.

I LEFT EVERY-  
THING JUST  
LIKE I FOUND  
IT.

TOO BAD! I WAS  
HOPING YOU'D  
TIDY THE  
PLACE UP.

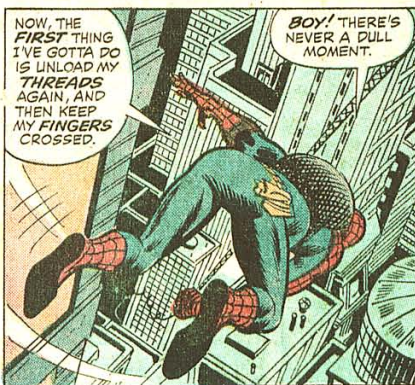
ANYWAY,  
GLAD I WAS  
ABLE TO HELP.



IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE  
THAT HE'S REALLY THE  
DEADLY LIZARD.

OH WELL, THAT'S  
ANOTHER  
STORY.\*

\*AND WE HAVEN'T  
TIME FOR IT NOW!  
-- STAN



NOW, THE  
FIRST THING  
I'VE GOTTA DO  
IS UNLOAD MY  
THREADS  
AGAIN, AND  
THEN KEEP  
MY FINGERS  
CROSSED.

BOY! THERE'S  
NEVER A DULL  
MOMENT.



AND, SPEAKING OF DULL MOMENTS, LET'S  
VISIT JOLLY OL' J. JONAH JAMESON--

BLAST IT! I LOST CONTROL  
OF SMYTHE'S CRUMMY ROBOT  
AGAIN!

WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
HERE?



OH NO! NOW  
THE BLAMED  
THING JUST  
WENT UP IN  
SMOKE!

IT'S A FAKE!  
I'VE BEEN  
ROBBED!  
I--I'LL SUE  
IM!



WHAT HAPPENED, JJ? ANY-  
THING WRONG HERE?

NOTHING, ROBERTSON--  
NOTHING WRONG!

JUST A LITTLE  
SMOKE.  
THAT'S ALL!

DIDN'T YOU  
EVER SEE A  
LITTLE  
SMOKE  
BEFORE?



YEAH! BUT NOT IN THE OFFICE  
OF THE DAILY BUGLE-- AFTER  
I HEARD A SMALL EXPLOSION  
BEHIND YOUR DOOR!

DON'T BE AN  
ALARMIST, ROBBIE!  
I HATE CITY EDITORS  
WHO ARE  
ALARMISTS!



OKAY, JJ-- IF YOU DON'T  
WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.

BUT DID YOU  
HEAR ABOUT  
THE NEW TV  
SCANNERS  
THE POLICE  
INSTALLED  
AROUND  
TOWN?

IT SEEMS THE  
MASTER CONTROL  
UNIT WAS STOLEN  
LAST NIGHT

WELL? DON'T  
JUST STAND  
THERE! WRITE  
IT UP-- WRITE  
IT UP!



DO I HAVETA  
DO EVERY-  
THING  
AROUND  
HERE?



AND, BACK TO THE SNEERING,  
SNICKERING SMYTHE--

THAT FOOL JAMESON!  
HE'LL NEVER LEARN!

AS IF I HAD ANY  
INTEREST IN HELP-  
ING HIM!

ALL I  
WANTED WAS  
HIS CRINKLY  
GREEN  
MONEY!



AND NOW THAT I GOT IT,  
I CAN CONTINUE WITH MY  
OWN MASTER PLAN!

I MUSTN'T  
KEEP THE  
OTHERS  
WAITING  
TOO LONG.

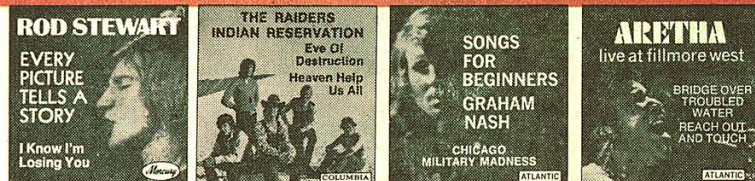
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NOW—YOURS FROM COLUMBIA—

# Any 14 of these

if you join now and agree to buy ten more records during the coming two years



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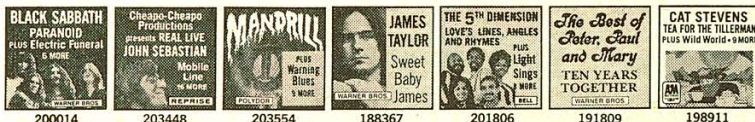
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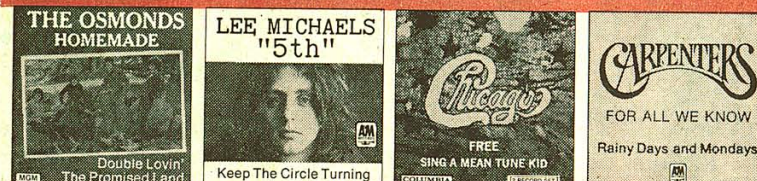
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202473

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Send these 14 records—I've enclosed check or money order for \$2.86

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All records will be described in advance in the Magazine, sent every four weeks. If I do not want any record, I'll return the selection card by the date specified... or use the card to order any record I want. If I want only the regular selection for my musical interest, I need do nothing—it will be sent automatically. From time to time, I'll be offered special albums which I may accept or reject by using the dated form provided.

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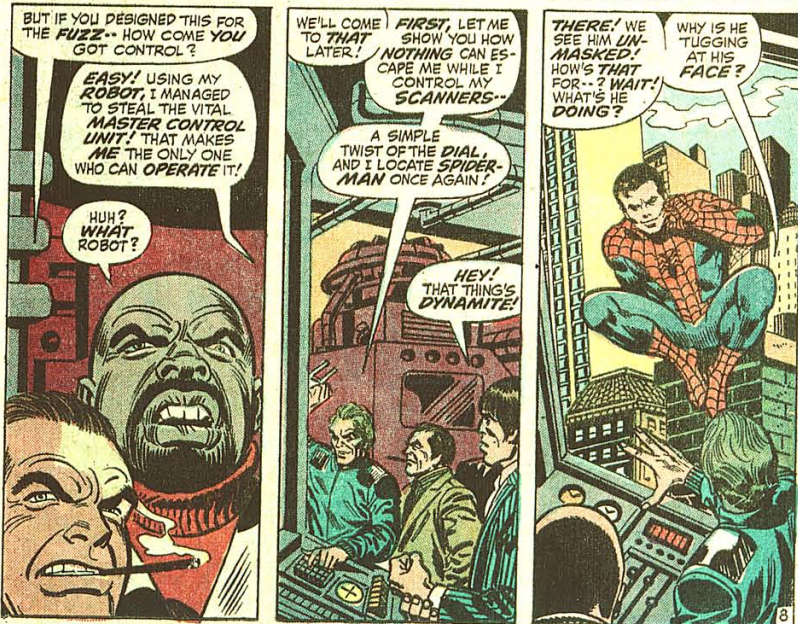
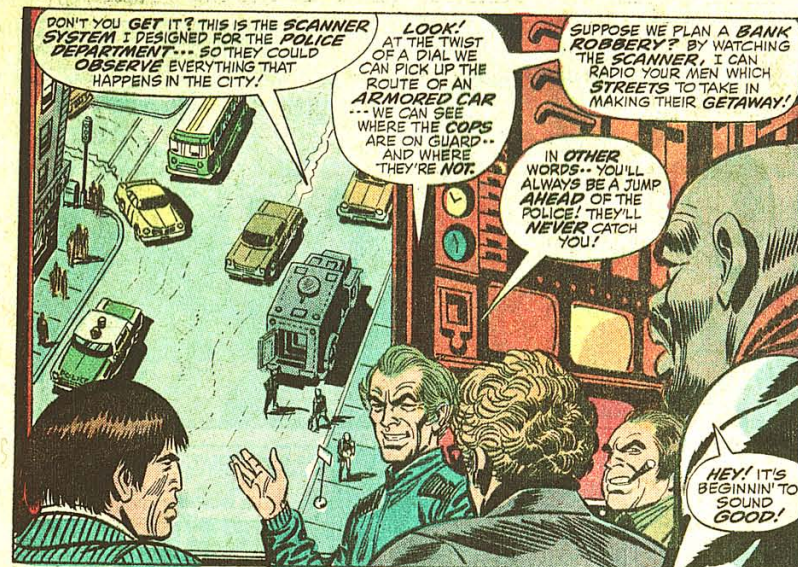
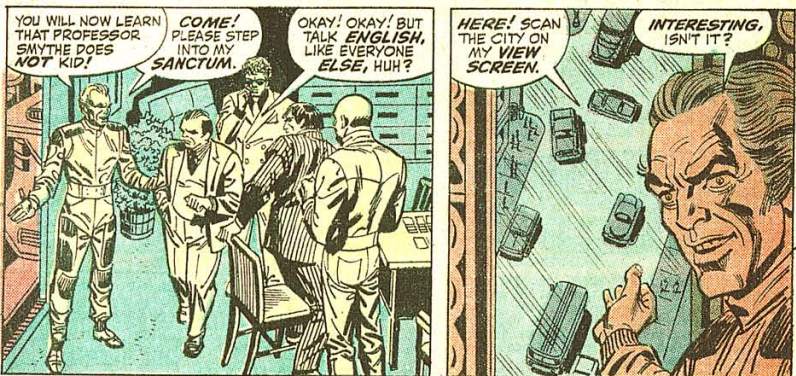
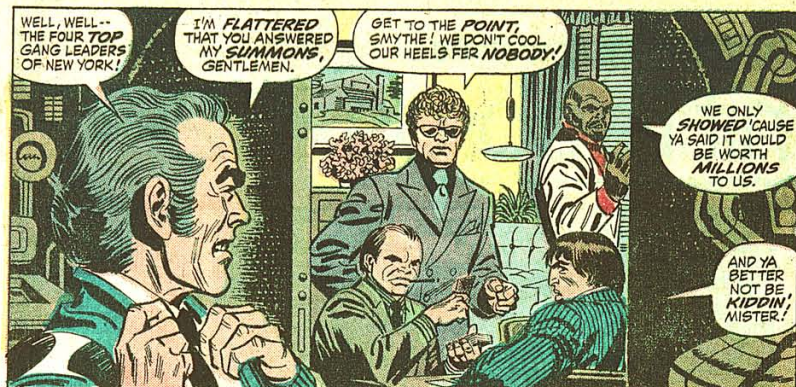
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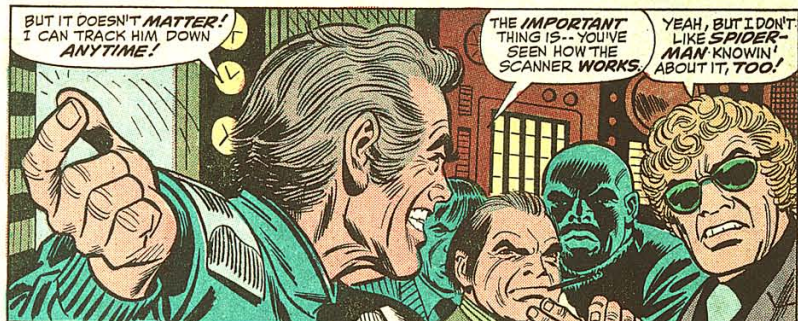
UNMASKED, MY FOOT!  
IT WAS A MASK HE  
WUZ WEARIN'! HE'S  
WAVIN' IT LIKE HE  
KNOWS WE'RE  
WATCHIN'!



THAT AIN'T HIS  
REAL FACE! IN  
EVEN IF IT WAS  
-- SO WHAT?  
HE LOOKS LIKE ANY  
OF A MILLION  
GUYS! WE STILL  
WOULDN'T KNOW  
WHO HE IS.

HE MUST  
KNOW YOU  
WUZ WATCHIN'!  
HE'S PUTTIN'  
YA ON!

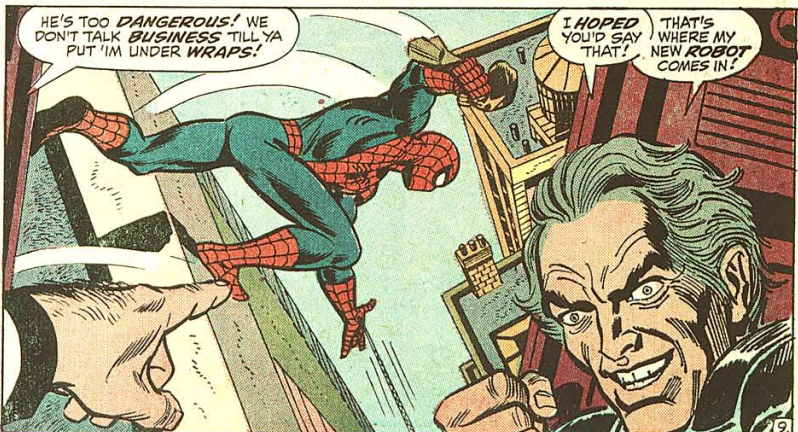
THE WEB-SLINGER'S  
CLEVER! I UNDER-  
ESTIMATED  
HIM.



BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER!  
I CAN TRACK HIM DOWN  
ANYTIME!

THE IMPORTANT  
THING IS-- YOU'VE  
SEEN HOW THE  
SCANNER WORKS.

YEAH, BUT I DON'T  
LIKE SPIDER-  
MAN! KNOWIN'  
ABOUT IT, TOO!



HE'S TOO DANGEROUS! WE  
DON'T TALK BUSINESS TILL YA  
PUT 'IM UNDER WRAPS!

I HOPED  
YOU'D SAY  
THAT!

THAT'S WHERE MY  
NEW ROBOT  
COMES IN!

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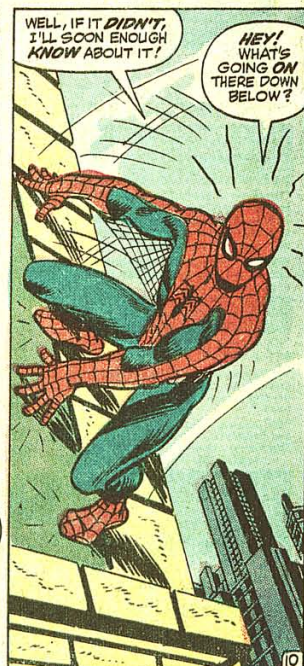
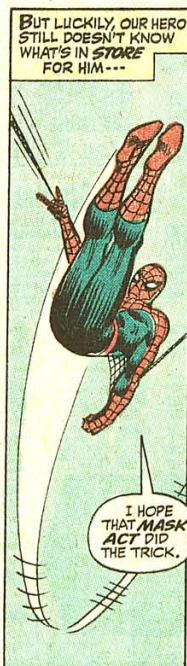
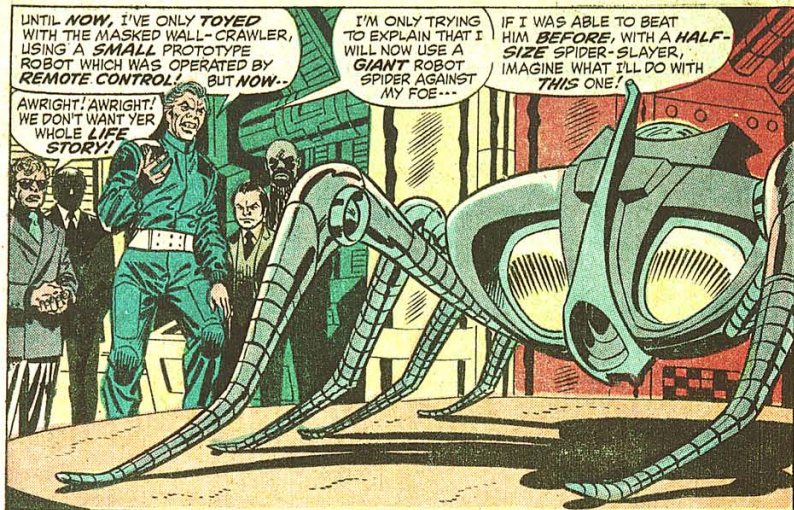
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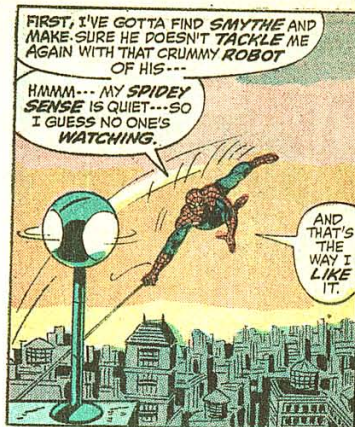












FIRST, I'VE GOTTA FIND **SMYTHE** AND MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T **TACKLE** ME AGAIN WITH THAT CRUMMY **ROBOT** OF HIS...

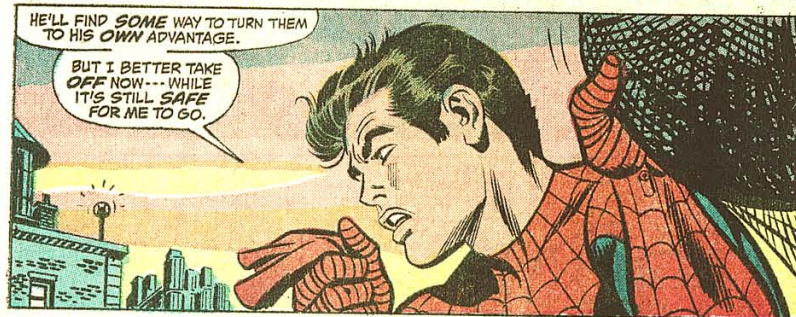
HMMM... MY **SPIDEY SENSE** IS QUIET... SO I GUESS NO ONE'S **WATCHING**.

AND THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT.



THEY'VE GOT THOSE **SCANNERS** ON ALMOST **EVERY** ROOFTOP!

I'LL BET IT WAS **SMYTHE** WHO TALKED THEM INTO IT.



HE'LL FIND **SOME** WAY TO TURN THEM TO HIS **OWN** ADVANTAGE.

BUT I BETTER TAKE **OFF** NOW... WHILE IT'S STILL **SAFE** FOR ME TO GO.



I DON'T WANNA BE LATE FOR MY DATE WITH **GWENDY**.



OH, **HI HARRY**! DIDN'T THINK YOU'D STILL BE **UP**.

THE **DOC** WANTED YOU TO HAVE LOTS OF **SLEEP**, REMEMBER?

IS-- IS ANYTHING **WRONG**?

NOT **REALLY**, PETE.



I **TRIED**, BUT I JUST COULDN'T FALL **ASLEEP**.

ARE YOU **SURE** THAT'S ALL?

I GUESS IT'S THE **EXCITEMENT** OF BEING BACK FROM THE **HOSPITAL**, AND EVERYTHING.

WELL...



AS A MATTER OF **FACT**, PETE, I'VE BEEN KIND OF **WORRIED**...

YEAH... THAT'S WHAT I **THOUGHT**.



IT'S **MARY JANE**, ISN'T IT?

YEAH! I-- I JUST CAN'T GET HER TO TAKE ME **SERIOUSLY** NO MATTER **HOW** I TRY.

MAYBE THAT'S THE **TROUBLE**, HARRY.

WHAT DO YOU **MEAN**?



LOOK, I'M NO **DEAR ABBY**-- BUT WITH **SOME** CHICKS YOU CAN TRY **TOO** HARD.

YES! I-- I **THOUGHT** OF THAT.



IF I WERE YOU I'D **COOL** IT WITH HER! MAKE HER **WONDER** WHAT-- **HOLD** IT!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE M-J **NOW**.



HEY! THAT **PIZZA** SMELLS **OUTTASITE**!

YOU **KNOW** IT, MAN! WE BROUGHT IT FOR **LITTLE HARRY**!

COME IN **GET** IT, **SUNSHINE**!



**SAY**, PETEYKINS-- I DIDN'T KNOW **YOU'D** BE HERE! THIS MAKES IT A **REAL PARTY**!

HOW'S ABOUT THEE AND ME CUTTIN' **OUT** AND--?

**NO WAY**, LADY.



I'M ON MY WAY TO PICK UP **GWENDY**.

OH, YOU LOST A **BET** AGAIN, HUH? POOR **GUY**!

THAT KIND OF **LOSER** I'D BE **ANY** TIME!



POOR **HARRY**! WHY DOES HE HAVE TO **PIG** A GAL LIKE **MJ**?

AND WHY WON'T SHE KEEP OFF **MY** BACK? SHE **KNOWS** WHAT IT MUST **DO** TO HIM!

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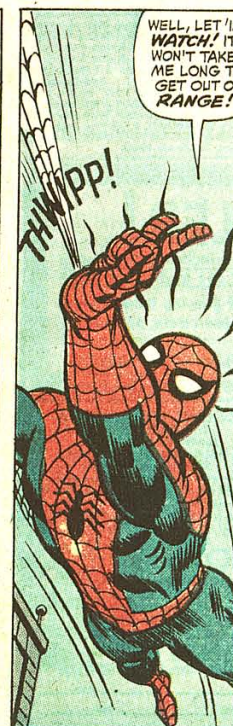
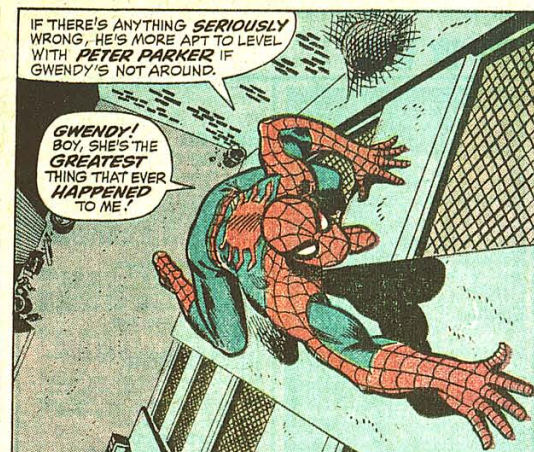
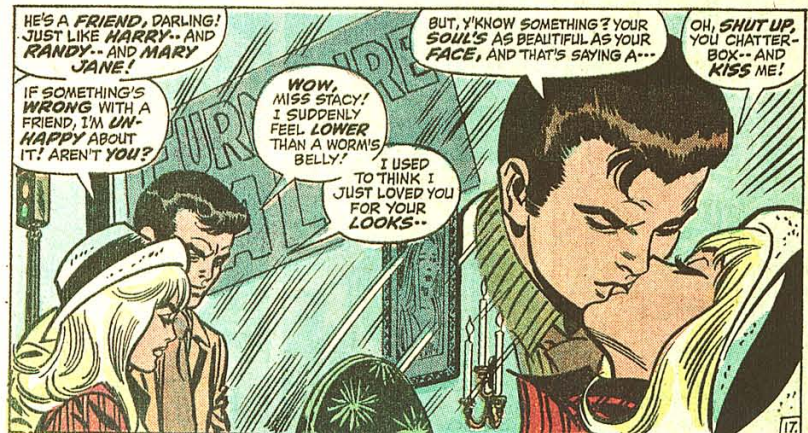
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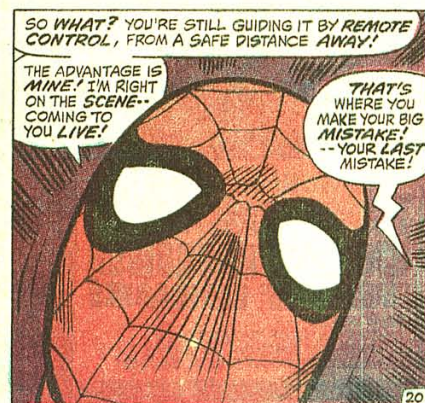
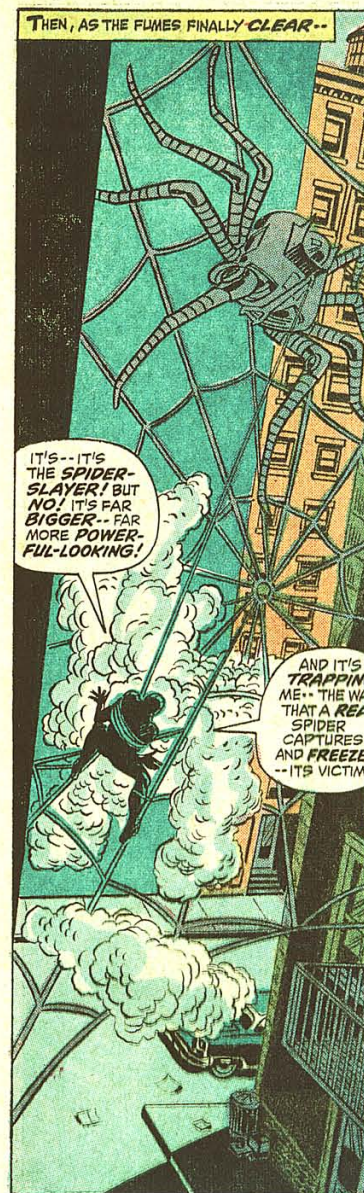


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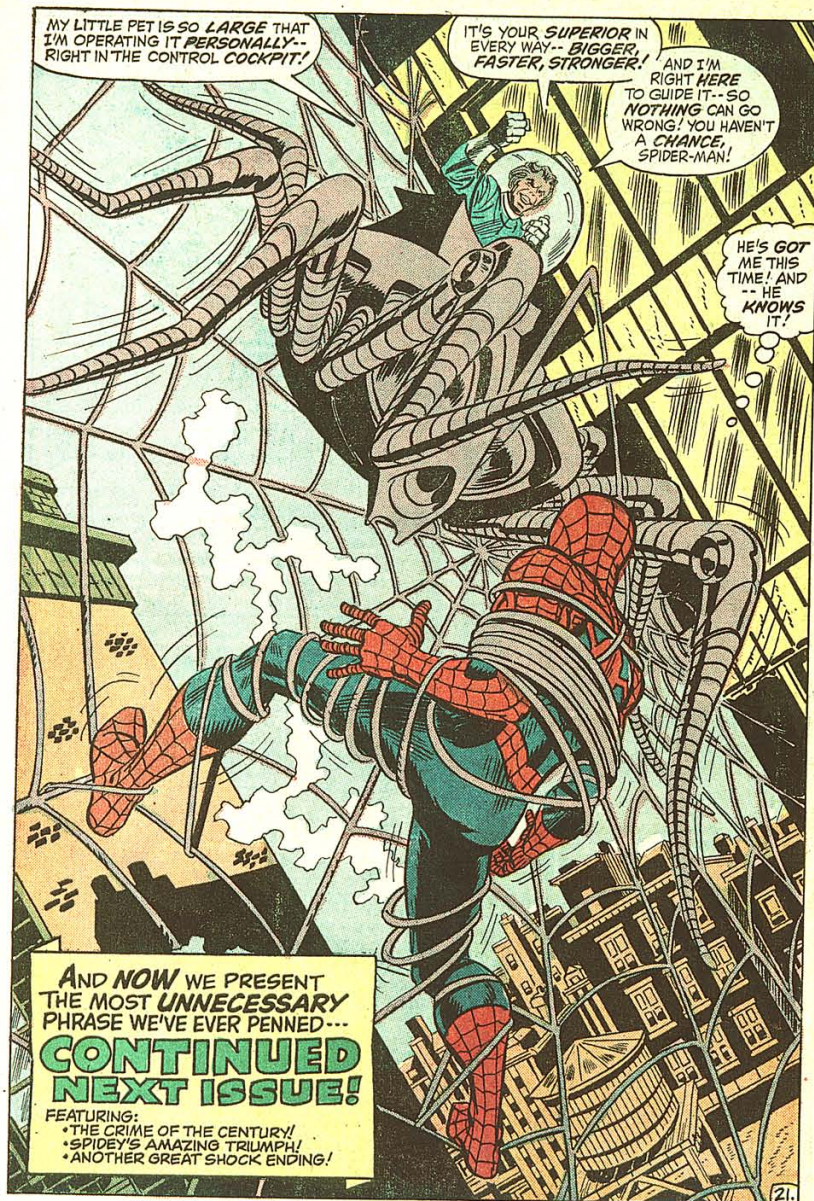












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## MIGHTY MARVEL IS BACK ON THE TRACK!

(Or: PLAY IT AGAIN, STAN!)

ITEM! Marvel is makin' it big all over again! The longest, grooviest article ever on the House of Ideas appeared in the September 16, 1971, ish of *Rolling Stone*. (And, just in case you've been jolling about in the Kree Galaxy for the past several years, we might add that *Rolling Stone* is the best-known bi-weekly rock-music newspaper in the ever-lovin' world!) The whole magilla was penned by Riotous ROBIN GREEN, who used to be our own Gal Friday before she wandered westward in search of fame, fortune, and a deeper suntan, and it's chock full of querulous quotes by STAN, MARIE, HERB, ROY, and just about everybody in the Bullpen. We could quote from it all day and into the night, but we figure it pretty much spoke for itself. Suffice it to say that the article generated so much interest that a couple of other writers are already working on follow-up features for the paper. Thanks again, Rob, for reminding one and all that mighty Marvel is still where it's at!

ITEM! Remember last month, when TOMB OF DRACULA and WARLOCK burst like bombshells upon an incredulous fandom? Well, just to prove we're not resting on our laurels, we've got no less than three startling new features to toss at you this time! First and foremost, for those myriad minions who've been crying for more of the ever-amazing Spider-Man, we're introducing a brand-new mag called MARVEL TEAM-UPS, which co-stars the ol' wall-crawler and none other than the Human Torch — and we're kicking off the series with an offbeat Christmas mini-saga, to boot! Next, we strongly suggest you pick up the latest issue of AMAZING ADVENTURES, where you'll shake hands (if you really wanna) with none other than — the Beast, one of the extraordinary X-Men. But, is this truly the Hank McCoy of recent memory, or another, far more fearful creature of the night? This one you've gotta see to believe! And, for those stalwarts who've heraled CONAN THE BARBARIAN as the greatest thing going, we've come up with a spectacular new series called "Warrior of Mars," which debuts in the current ish of CREATURES ON THE LOOSE — where else? But, if you think these are something, wait'll you dig a couple of wondrous winners we'll be tossing your way in the wee small hours of 1972! Keep facin' front, pilgrim — 'cause this is the year when miraculous Marvel really gets it together!

MARVELOUS MINI-ITEMS! Did everybody in the NYC-area catch Jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA the other a.m., rapping on LARRY BEAR's radio talk-show on station WABC? Johnny shared billing with three syndicated cartoonists of note — but all the eager souls who telephoned the studio wanted to ask about was Marvel, Marvel, Marvel... And didja see Happy HERBIE TRIMPE's

## STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hi, culture-lovers! This month I'm gonna try to answer the question which is asked of us more than any other. It's the plaintive, passionate poser: "How do I break into the comic-book biz?" Of course, the easiest answer is "Why would you want to?" but I won't cop out that easily. (Mainly because I've still gotta fill this furloughing column!) So, those of you determined to become comic-book artists, face front! First of all, remember that it's one of the toughest fields to enter, because there's a limit to the mags we can publish and we've usually got more than enough artists to go around. So no matter how good you are — even if Michelangelo himself was up for grabs — there'd probably be a wait of months, even years before a strip became available. Also, you must be as good or better than the whizzes who are already drawing your favorite strips; otherwise we couldn't inflict you on the quality-oriented ranks of Marvel-dom Assembled. So you ask, "Then how does a beginner get experience?" Only by studying art on your own, by learning composition, anatomy, perspective, etc., until your work is of professional caliber. Obviously, we can only hire pros — artists who've already made their mark in the field of advertising, book illustration, etc. Okay then, on you've made it in some other field of art — once you've proven yourself as a professional — here's the final and most difficult step. Make up a couple of sample pages — drawn in pencil only — using whichever of our characters you prefer, but involving them in an original situation. If you copy any of our own drawings, your samples will be meaningless. We must see how you'd handle a new situation: Use sheets of 10" x 13" 2-ply illustration paper and send us photostats — not the originals 'cause we can't be responsible for your loss. If your work is overwhelming, and if a strip is ever available, and if none of our regular artists is free to handle it, you'll eventually hear from us. And if you think that's tough, wait'll you see what it takes to be a writer, coming up in a future Soapbox!

Excelsior!

Stan

hilarious comic feature in a recent ish of *Esquire*? The heroine was a takeoff on famous writer and women's-liberationist GLORIA STEINHEIM, but we still kinda think she bore a suspicious resemblance to the Valkyrie, in HULK #142. Maybe Herb'll 'fess up, when he gets back from his vacation in Europe, huh? ... If

any of you have trouble recognizing some of the color-splashed superheroes who make a surprise appearance in this month's AVENGERS ish, don't sweat it. Some o' 'em haven't been in a Marvel (or any other) mag in over thirty years! Could be we're showing our age? ... As a Pig named Porky (and a Forbush named Irving) used to say: "That's all, folks!"

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I'm generally guilty of stating the obvious, so my saying that the all-new double-sized SPIDER-MAN is a delight is probably cliché by now. It is a delight. So what—my speech is cliché-ridden anyway.

Since the 100th anniversary issue, the quality of the magazine has increased steadily. The Kane artwork is the best since Ditko's departure some six years ago. The six-arm innovation was sheer genius. Thomas's scripting has allowed us to see what he can do with the webbed one (and I'm extremely pleased with the results—Morbis was marvelous), and now... 35 pages an issue! WITH NO REPRINTS! Incredible.

Now all that needs to be done is to continue successfully on this plane. Continue with the Kane artwork (no more art experimentation is needed on the magazine). Continue with the Thomas stories just for a change of pace. Continue with good serials—COMPLETE, 35-page story each issue (leave serials for special occasions—don't make us tired of them).

Now, an idea: Continue with a touch of the eerie that was present in the Morbuis episodes. A spider-man is naturally frightening... he is meant to travel by night, not be a clowning day-tripper. Mystery should be injected into the story; it would be more at home here than in any of your other superhero mags. Make use of it. Good luck.

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We'll need it, Wally—to survive your wrath when you learn (as you doubtless have by now) that the fates have decreed an early end to Marvel's 25-line of comic-mags, plus the switch of Romita and Kane on Spidey and Cap, plus the removal of Rascally Roy Thomas from the scripts. Tell you what, though. How do you feel about Sam Rosen's lettering this ish?

Dear Stan, Roy, Gil, and Frank,

After reading SPIDER-MAN #101, I was ready to tear apart the story, for I was under the influence of Dracula movies. Then I read Dracula by Bram Stoker and I feel stupid now. So before any of you pickers of nit write in, I must warn you that the story was almost perfect. Notice, I said almost! For one thing, a vampire can live in the daytime but he loses all of his unholy prowess, and he is like a mortal. A vampire can swim, but only at nighttime; for while mortal, he can only cross water by having another person carrying him across it or by boat or plane. A vampire has the power of twenty men, so that can explain his beating Spidey on their first encounter. I was pleased to see the phrase, "... That way lies the ever-loving 'paranoid ward'." for it was used often in the novel *Dracula*, but with different words for different meanings.

The magazine was great but for a few mistakes. Those being:

1. On page 16, he shouldn't have moved too fast. He is mortal.

2. On page 18, his face was a flesh color (panel 6). His skin should be white.

3. Being a vampire, he could have flown to shore as a bat or in an astrophysical form.

4. On page 19, he sleeps in the belfry while vampires must sleep in their native soil.

Other than those few mistakes the magazine was brilliant. So thank you, Roy, Gil, and Frank.

Rex Howard, 872 Garden Terrace,  
Palm Bay, Fla. 32405

And, as the very next issue of SPIDEY showed, the mysterious Morbuis was not a true vampire, and thus not subject to the



precise conditions mentioned in Stoker's classic work (with which, however, Roy and Gil are quite familiar).

Other than that little mistake, pal, your analysis was brilliant. (No offense. Still friends?)

Dear Stan, Roy, and Gil,

Yesterday I rushed into the store to find that SPIDER-MAN #102 had come in. I ran home only to find that I was short \$6 to buy the comic. I spotted my precious buffalo nickel and thought, "Well, it's not worth anything, so I'll just use it." And I did. When I got home I started reading my comic-book and my rare coin book. I thought I'd just look to see if the buffalo was worth anything, and to my astonishment it was worth \$33.00!! But I think that Spidey #102 was worth just that! But, don't I rate a no-prize to be the first person to spend \$33.00 on a Spidey mag?

Jeff Westbrook, 2601 E. Broadway,  
Columbia, Mo., 65201

We'll gladly accept that sum for it anytime, Jeff. Only thing is, we're sincerely touched and sorry to hear about your little error in judgment. Even the classic first issue of SPIDEY only brings \$20 or so on today's collectors markets. (And, before you or anybody else out there asks, the first FANTASTIC FOUR, which is a couple of years older, was recently advertised by one (admittedly high-priced) comics dealer at \$40-plus! Now who says it doesn't pay to read (and collect) Marvel mags?



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